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[Despatch Abstract.]

Museums - ext. Mysore Museum Rules - Requisition of temple cars - sanctioned.

EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MUSEUMS—Government Museum, Madras—Acquisition of temple cars—Sanctioned.

G.O. Ms. No.144 Dated the 19th January, '50

Read the following:-

From the Superintendent, Government Museum, No. 12Ar., dated the 20th December 1949.

O R D E R :-

In the circumstances explained by the Superintendent, Government Museum, the Government sanction an expenditure not exceeding Rs.1,060/- (Rupees one thousand and sixty only) during 1949-50 and Rs.800/- (Rupees eight hundred only) during 1950-51 for the acquisition, dismantling and refitting the two temple cars mentioned in the letter cited. for the Government Museum, Madras. The Accountant General is requested to admit the expenditure pending provision of funds during the current year.

2. The Superintendent, Government Museum is requested to include an additional provision of Rs.560/- in his consolidated proposals for additional appropriation to be submitted to government by the 15th of February 1950, with reference to paragraph 108 of the Madras Budget Manual.

By order of His Excellency the Governor,

Sd./ J.M.Lobo Prabhu
Secretary to Government.

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To
The Superintendent,
Govt. Museum,
Madras

The Accountant General,
(thro' Finance)

K.G.Neelakantan
Superintendent.

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From
Sri A.Aiyappan, M.A.,PH.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum.
Egmore, Madras-8.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George, Madras-9.

No. 166/49-12 Ar.

Dated the 20th December 194

Sir,

Subject: Wood Carvings from Temple cars - Acquisition of.

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With reference to my proposal to acquire some very valuable wood carvings from two temple cars in the Ramnad district, I have the honour to furnish below full details regarding the charges to be incurred for dismantling and refitting them here in the Museum.

2. The cars belong to the two temples at Rajasingamangalam and Thiruvadanai which are managed by the Rajah of Ramnad. The question of acquiring the cars was under consideration from 1946 and the Raja of Ramnad has now presented them with the approval of the Hindu Religious Endowment Board. The carvings are of exquisite workmanship and are assigned to the 18th century. They represent a distinctive type of wood carvings which are not available for the public in any institution. The carvings themselves are products of a particular school of Art of that locality which is sparsely represented in our collection.

3. I have to point out in this connection that South Indian wood carvings definitely form an important branch of South Indian Art, just like the South Indian Bronzes, stone sculptures and paintings. The carvings in question represent rare Mythological scenes not met within the other branches of art, and as such, form a very good material for comparative study. We have at present only a small collection of wood carvings many of which are of recent date. The addition of these carvings will therefore greatly enrich our gallery of wood carvings. I am particularly anxious that these works of art are preserved for posterity. Otherwise the two cars are sure to be destroyed by decay or used as firewood, as has happened in many instances in South India. As the two cars are at present left uncared for and unprotected, it is

imperative that these should be removed to Madras without further delay.

4. I may mention in this connection that the carvings from the cars may be valued approximately over Rs. 2,000/- at the least and may fetch considerably more from art connoisseurs.

5. The estimate of charge for bringing the two dismantled cars by goods train and refixing them up has been worked out as b follows:-

Part I

1.	Dismantling the 2 cars (14 tons) at the site at Rs.200/- for each car.	Rs. 400/0/0
2	Cartage from Village to Ry.Station 32 miles for 2 cars for thirty cartloads.	Rs. 160/0/0
3.	Railway freight from Ramnad to Madras	Rs. 400/0/0
4.	Cartage from Egmore to Museum	Rs. 100/0/0
5.	For refitting the 2 cars up in the Museum at Rs.400/- each.	Rs. 800/0/0
	Total Rs.	1,860/0/0

6. Of the total amount of Rs.1,860/- required, it is proposed to complete the work relating to items 1 to 4 costing Rs.1,060/- during the current year 1949 - '50. In view of the present financial stringency I think it expedient to execute the work of refitting the carvings (Item (5) costing Rs.800/-, only during the next financial year, 1950-'51. A sum of 500/- has already been provided for items 1-4 in this year's budget in the Revised Estimate for 1949-'50. I therefore request that Government will be pleased to allot additional funds of Rs.560/- under a. A. 4 - Office Contingencies - Other Contingencies and accord their sanction for the expenditure of Rs.1,060/- during 1949-'50 and Rs.800/- during 1950-'51.

7. It is not possible to provide for this excess amount of Rs.560/- required for this year from savings under any other head in our budget as only the minimum requirements have been provided for. The Accountant General, Madras may be authorised to admit the expenditure subject to the provision of funds, as the dismantling and transport of the carvings have to be completed as early as possible before the end of the financial year

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- A. Aiyappan
Superintendent.

(True Copy)

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Superintendent.